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LEFT ATRIAL APPENDAGE  
OCCLUSION  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the amendments as indicated below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.